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For:

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Amendments to the Title – At page 1, under the heading TITLE OF THE INVENTION, please delete the present title and insert the following title:

-- NUCLEIC ACID VACCINES AGAINST HUMAN INFLUENZA VIRUS --.

Amendments to the Specification - None

Amendment to the Claims:

Please cancel claim 4-6 and 18-25, without prejudice.

Please amend claims 1, 3 9 and 11 as shown in the Listing of the Claims.

These claim amendments are reflected in the listing of the claims which begins on page 3 of this paper.

Amendments to the Drawings - None

Remarks begin on page 5 of this paper.

Response to Restriction Under 35 U.S.C. §121 begins on page 6 of this paper.

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